



## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What is the NOAA Five Year R&D Plan?

For an introduction to the 5 Year R&D Plan, please visit:

<http://nrc.noaa.gov/sites/nrc/Documents/5YRDP/Final%20One%20Pager%205%20yr%20plan.pdf>

### 2. Who can comment on the NOAA Five Year R&D Plan?

Anyone is welcome to provide comments during the public comment period.

### 3. How do I submit comments?

Please submit comments through the NOAA Research Council website:

<http://nrc.noaa.gov/CouncilProducts/ResearchPlans.aspx>. You can choose to submit comments one at a time as you read the document, or save them to submit to submit at a later date. In summary:

- a. Go to <http://nrc.noaa.gov/CouncilProducts/ResearchPlans.aspx>.
- b. Download a pdf version of the Plan.
- c. click on "Submit comments on the current draft", and enter your comments with a line number reference when possible.

### 4. When can I provide comments?

The public comment period is open from May 3 - June 3, 2013. Please submit your comments at any time during that timeframe.

### 5. What are my comments used for?

Your comments help us to shape the final NOAA R&D plan and the future of R&D at NOAA in order to best meet NOAA's mission.

### 6. How will my comments be addressed?

The team drafting the Plan will assign each comment to an appropriate section of the plan or to the document as a whole, and evaluate each comment received. The comments will then be addressed in preparing the next version of the Plan. How the document has changed as a result of the comments received will be communicated via the NOAA Research Council website when the final plan is released.

### 7. Why am I being asked to provide information about my affiliation?

To better address comments and track the needs and concerns of our constituents, knowing your affiliation will be very helpful. We will not use this information in any way to identify you.

**8. I submitted comments previously but do not see them addressed in the Plan, what happened to my comments?**

Thank you for providing comments to our 5-Year Research and Development Plan. All comments have been carefully considered by the team developing the Plan. Not all comments received were directly incorporated into the document if outside the scope of the document or if the document has evolved in its development and the comment no longer applies.